

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: George Kephart House Inventory Number: F-1-94  
 Address: 1005 Buckeystown Pike Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ X no  
 City: Adamstown Zip Code: 21710 County: Frederick  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Buckeystown  
 Property Owner: Earl M. & Nancy H. MacKintosh Tax Account ID Number: 01-024166  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 99 Tax Map Number: 109  
 Project: MD 85: One Mile South of Greenfield Road to MD 28 Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration  
 Preparer's Name: Becky Kermes Date Prepared: 03/22/2005  
 Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ X Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no  
 Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ X no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

The George Kephart House is a circa 1850-1860 structure situated on the east side of MD 85/Buckeystown Pike, north of the intersection with MD 28, on a gently sloping hill that overlooks the surrounding agricultural fields. Overall, the area is sparsely populated with the main function of the surrounding properties serving agricultural needs. The George Kephart House is a two-story, side gable, white painted brick structure, with a frame, weatherboard, side addition constructed to the north side of the house. The three bay house features a slate roof on the main core of the house and a standing seam metal roof on the addition and porch. The shuttered windows are paired, 1/1 double hung sash on the main block of the house and the front door features sidelights and a transom. The front porch runs the length of the main block and is supported by four tuscan columns and a square post rail. The windows on the side addition have no shutters and have the appearance of divided lights. Agricultural buildings are clustered to the rear of the property and consist of a one story frame building that may have served as a chicken house, a concrete block dairy barn, and two silos.

The George Kephart House is in the vicinity of Adamstown which is situated on the old line of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and was laid out in 1840. The town is in the Buckeystown District which is the southern section of Frederick County and comprises a large portion of the tract of land known as Carroll's Manor. This is considered some of the most fertile land in

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 MHT Comments:

*John J. [Signature]* ✓  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/21/05  
 Date

*[Signature]*  
 Reviewer, National Register Program

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 Date

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Maryland. According to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form, George Kephart was one of the largest slave dealers in Frederick County prior to the Civil War. The MIHP form states that previous histories describe the property as having two underground jails and one above ground for "unruly slaves." By 1858, Kephart sold the farm to Archibald T. Snouffer. The Snouffer family is noted in T. J. C. William's "History of Frederick County, Maryland" as one of the first settlers of Adamstown. Kephart is not mentioned in William's history.

The George Kephart House is not considered eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A. While the property may be loosely associated with the agricultural history of Frederick, the circa 1920 concrete block barn, silos, and frame chicken house do not fully illustrate the importance of Frederick's agricultural heritage.

The George Kephart House is not considered eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B. Although the first owner of the property, George Kephart, was a well known slave dealer in Frederick County, there remains no evidence of his presence or activities. There is no extant building on the property that would correspond to a jail and no known evidence of the remaining existence of two underground jails. There are also no extant slave quarters on the property. Therefore, outside of the main house which has been altered, there is no remaining structure that would associate the property with the largest slave dealer in Frederick during the pre-Civil War days.

The George Kephart House is considered not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C due to a loss of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The house does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. The addition overwhelms the original three bay structure, and changes made to the original structure include changes in windows, and porch details such as the columns and rails.

The George Kephart House is not being evaluated for the National Register under Criterion D.

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Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

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MHT Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
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North

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George Kephart House

Frederick County, MD

Buckeystown

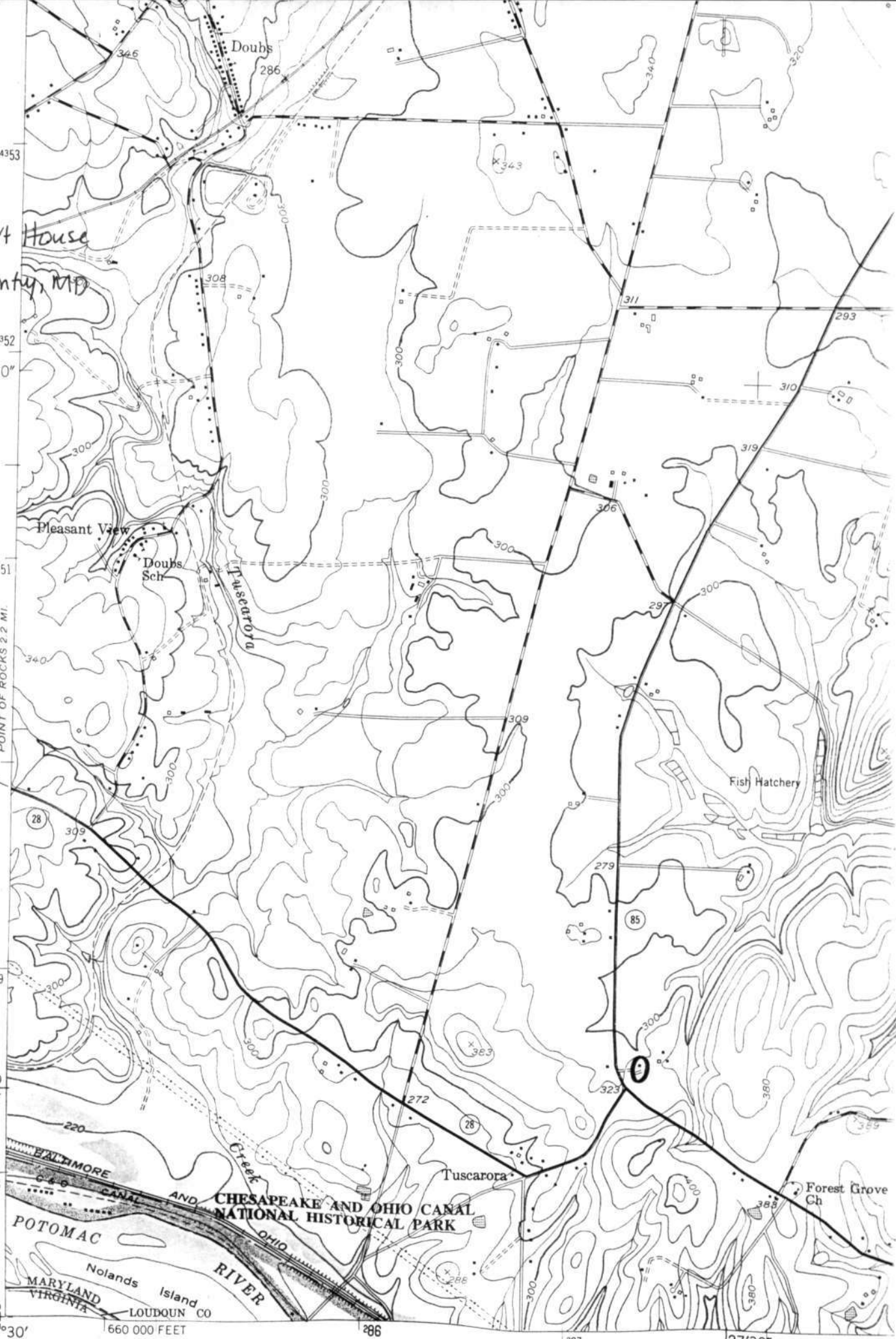
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George Kephart House

Frederick, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

Negatives @ MD SHPO

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View of the front facade which faces  
west.

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Frederick, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

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View of the northern facade - of new  
addition.

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Frederick, MD

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View of the rear of the house

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View of the rear (east) and side (south)  
elevations.

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View of the ~~side~~ south side.

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Fredrick, MD

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View of the detached garage - it is  
located to the south side of the  
house. ~~near the~~

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George Kephart House

Frederick, MD

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Located in the northeast corner is the  
cluster of barn, sro, and chicken house.

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George Kephart House  
Tuscarora vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1850

The George Kephart House is a two-story, white-painted brick house with three bays and a one-story porch on its main elevation and paired 1/1 windows in the main section's window bays. During the 1980's, a two-story frame addition was erected adjoining the north gable end. The center entrance retains its original three-light transom and narrow sidelights. The only remaining contributing outbuilding is a small frame chicken house of about 1900-1920, and, at some distance east of the house are a non-contributing concrete block dairy barn and milk house and two concrete silos. A bank barn was undoubtedly nearby, but has been demolished. The house is minimally significant for its architecture, which suggests its 19th century origins in the general L-shaped plan of the main section and its original rear wing. It is associated with George Kephart, who was reportedly one of the largest slave dealers in Frederick County prior to the Civil War. The property is said to have had two underground jails and one above-ground jail for unruly slaves, although nothing of these structures appears to have survived.

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George Kephart House  
Tuscarora vicinity  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George Kephart House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 1005 Buckeystown Pike ☐ not for publicationcity, town Tuscarora ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Earl M. McIntosh, Jr.

street &amp; number 1235 Park Mills Road telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code MD 21710

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 802

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 420

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-1-94

### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The George Kephart House is a two-story brick dwelling built about 1850 with substantial alterations in the 1980's including the addition of a two-story wood sided extension. The house was originally the main dwelling of a large farm, but the only remaining contributing outbuilding is a frame chicken house, now used as a storage shed, built about 1900-1920. A non-contributing concrete block dairy barn and two silos are located about 100 yards east of the house and the chicken house and are not currently in use. The house is located on the north side of Buckeystown Pike (Md. 85) on a curve in which the Pike meets the intersection of Tuscarora Road and Dickerson Road, near Tuscarora, Frederick County, Maryland. The dating of the house is based on architectural evidence, local histories, and land records.

The house has a white-painted exterior in 6:1 American bond. The west elevation has three bays and a one-story porch with a center entrance. The windows are paired 1/1 sash with replacement shutters and were apparently altered in the first or second quarter of the 20th century. The entrance has a three-light transom and narrow sidelights. The 6-panel door appears to be a replacement. The porch has Tuscan columns which are probably early 20th century replacements of the original columns. The roof is slate and the chimneys are located at the north and south gable ends. The north gable end is adjoined by the circa 1985 two-story extension which has multiple paned sash and weatherboard siding. The south gable end of the house has only a single attic opening with a louvred cover. On the east elevation, the original plan of the house reveals a short two-story brick wing near the northeast corner and a one-story shed addition across the rest of the east elevation. The modern addition extends eastward with a bay window in the first story. A screened porch and modern deck are located off the brick wing. In the original part of the house, the pattern of paired 1/1 windows is repeated on this elevation. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Chicken house: The chicken house is located about 25 yards east of the house and is a one-story frame building facing south. The exterior is covered with vertical board siding and board and battens on the west and north sides. Across the south side is a bank of wire-covered openings. A vertical board door is located at the southwest corner. The shed roof is covered with standing seam metal. The chicken house appears to have been built about 1900, based on its materials and design.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-1-94

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates C. 1850

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George Kephart House is minimally significant for its architecture, which has been much altered, especially during the 1980's with a large addition. The original windows had already been altered with paired sash in the place of probable single sash openings, possibly by the 1930's. The house principally is of interest for its association with George Kephart, who owned the property prior to 1858 and may have been the builder of the house in the late 1840's or early 1850's. According to Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928), Kephart was one of the largest slave dealers in Frederick County prior to the Civil War. Grove describes the farm as having two underground "jails" and one above ground for unruly slaves. Kephart was, not surprisingly, a Southern sympathizer and two of his sons were killed while serving in the Confederate forces. By 1858, Kephart sold the farm to Archibald T. Snouffer, who operated the farm with a tenant occupying the house. In 1891, J. Howard Allnutt purchased the property and, intermittently over the period until about 1904, lived on the farm while acquiring more farm property in the vicinity. In 1919, it was sold to G. Leicester and Curtis W. Thomas, brothers who retained ownership until 1966. The house's first period of visible changes, including the replacement of the original windows, most likely took place during this long period.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-94

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858

Grove, William J. History of Carrollton Manor. Frederick: Marken and Bielfeld, Inc., 1928; 92, 208.

Land Records of Frederick County

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 109, Parcel 70

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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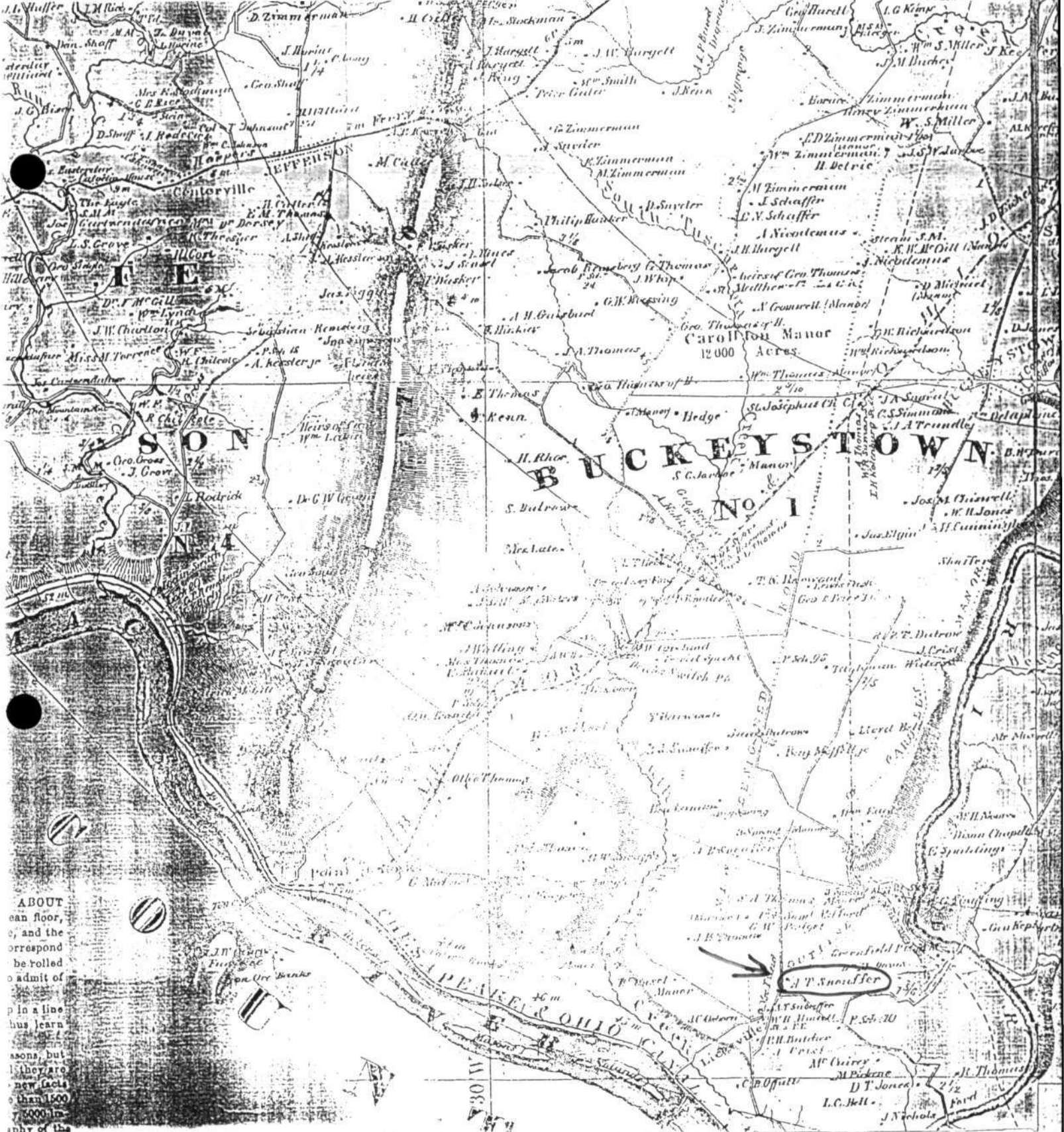
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Williams, T.J.C., & Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.  
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Other Information,  
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Cost	Miscellaneous
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802/417 21 Apr 69	Monocacy Valley Assoc.			
802/4 21 Apr 69	Monocacy Valley Assoc.	Carlton L. & Anna Belle Thomas Struble		
754/639 24 Sept 66	Carlton L. Struble et ux	G. Leicester Thomas, Jr. atty. in fact for G. Leicester Thomas Jr.	part of Parcel II	
374/435 14 Jun 30	G. Leicester Thomas	G. Leicester Thomas & the C. Thomas, execs of LWT of Curtis M. Thomas et al		
328/410 10 Jul 19	Curtis M. Thomas & G. Leicester Thomas	J. Dean Zicker et ux	Parts of "The Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest", "Jed- burgh Forest", "Partnership", "New Bremen", "Carrollton"	291 3/4 A.
HWB 304/114 27 Feb-13	J. Dean Zicker et ux	George S. & Elizabeth D. Allnutt		291 3/4 A.
HWB 294/377 25 Nov 08	George S. Allnutt	John Howard Allnutt, unmarried		
JLT 1/6 3 Dec 1891	J. Howard Allnutt	Archibald J. Snuffer	#13,100	291 3/4 A.
BGF 3/166 30 Aug 1858	Archibald J. Snuffer et ux	George Kephart et ux	part of "Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest", "Jedburgh Forest", + "New Bremen"	#8,000 14A., 2R. + 18p.

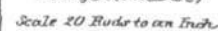


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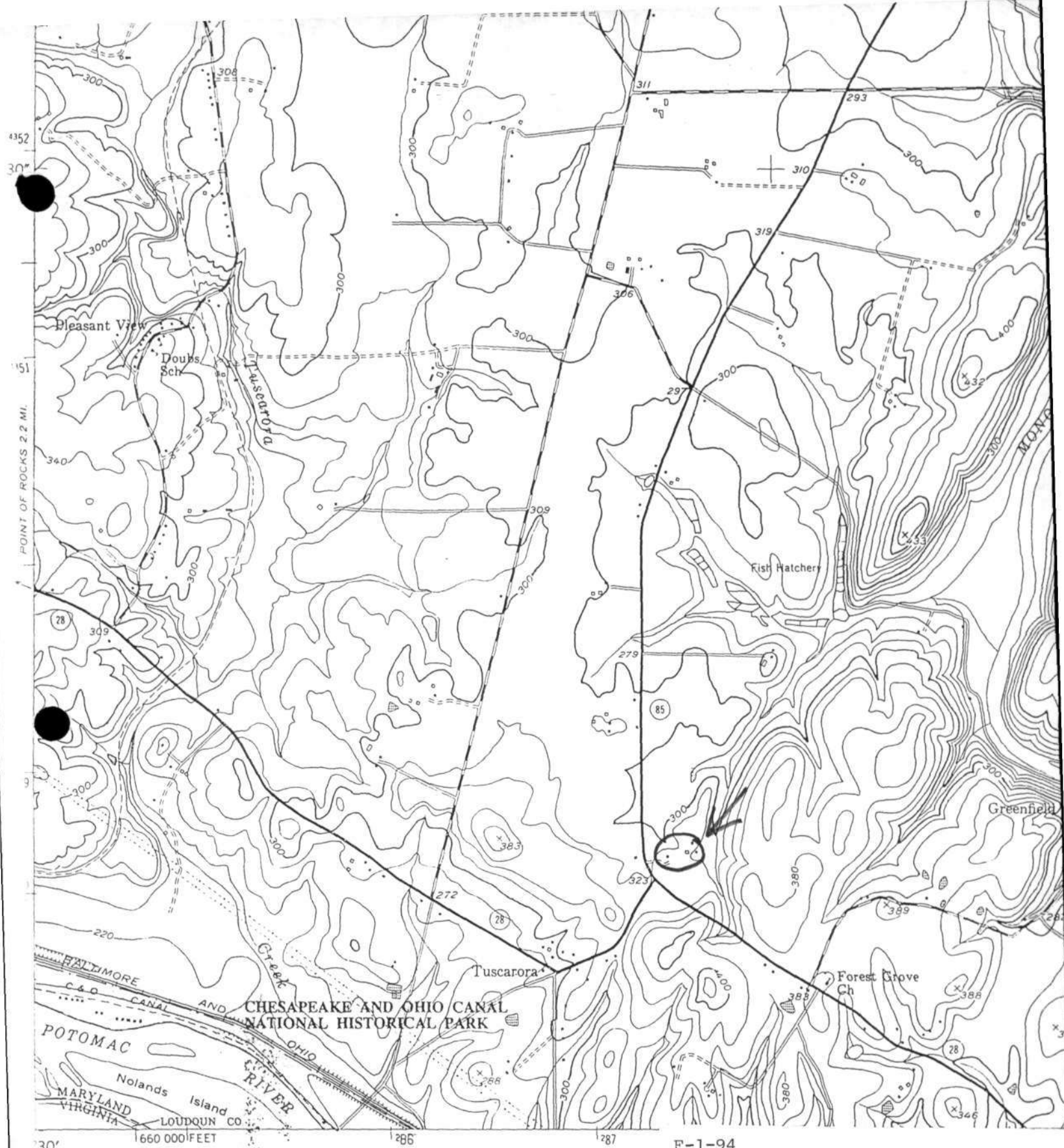
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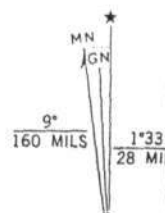
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

West elevation

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Southwest corner view

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Chicken house, south elevation

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Dairy barn, milk houses, & silos, view from south

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